

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all other prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 1-15 and 30, without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute such claims in a continuation application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

Claim 16. (currently amended): A method for treatment of external aggressions to the skin, nails, or hair comprising the topical application of a soy product, wherein the external aggressions result from the group consisting of chemical contact, physical contact, and temperature.

Claim 17. (original) A method of claim 16, wherein said external aggression is a result of chemical contact.

Claim 18. (original) A method of claim 16, wherein said external aggression is a result of physical contact.

Claim 19. (original) A method of claim 17, wherein said external aggression is damage from the use of cleansers.

Claim 20. (original) A method of claim 18, wherein said external aggression is damage from shaving.

Claim 21. (original) A method of claim 16, wherein said method is for the treatment of external aggressions to the skin.

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Claim 22. (original). A method of claim 17, wherein said method is for the treatment of external aggressions to the skin.

Claim 23. (original) A method of claim 18, wherein said method is for the treatment of external aggressions to the skin.

Claim 24. (original) A method of claim 19, wherein said method is for the treatment of external aggressions to the skin.

Claim 25. (original) A method of claim 20, wherein said method is for the treatment of external aggressions to the skin.

Claim 26. (original) A method of claim 16, wherein said soy product has a thiol retention activity of at least about 75%.

Claim 27. (original) A method of claim 17, wherein said soy product has a thiol retention activity of at least about 75%.

Claim 28. (original) A method of claim 18, wherein said soy product has a thiol retention activity of at least about 75%.

Claim 29. (original) A method of claim 19, wherein said soy product has a thiol retention activity of at least about 75%.

Claim 30. (canceled)

Claim 31. (original) A composition of claim 1, wherein said soy product has been exposed to gamma irradiation.

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Claim 32 (original). A method of claim 16, wherein said soy product has been exposed to gamma irradiation.